

REMARKS

Priority Claim

Applicant requests that the Office acknowledge the claim of priority under 35 USC Section 119(e). The present application claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/US2003/038190, filed November 25, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/462657, filed April 14, 2003.

Drawings

Applicant notes the Office Action Summary did not note the Drawing Office review of the drawings submitted on 04/19/2005.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

Group I: Claims 1-5 are, drawn to a receiver, classified in class 375, subclass 316.

Group II: Claims 6-21 are, drawn to amplitude estimation, classified in class 375, subclass 320.

Group III: Claims 22-30 are, drawn to Turbo decoders, classified in class 375, subclass 341.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, election is hereby made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-5. Claims 6-30 have been canceled without prejudice.

Substance of Interview (MPEP713.04)

As noted in 37 CFR 1.133, the Applicant is required to make the Substance of the Interview of record in the application file. To ensure compliance therewith, Applicant wishes to note the following:

- 1) A telephonic interview was conducted on June 19, 2008 between Attorney Andrew P. Cernota and Examiner Temesghen Ghebretinsae.
- 2) Claims 1-30 were discussed and it was agreed to provisionally elect, without traverse, Group 1, claims 1-5, and the examiner would withdraw claims 6-30 from further consideration.
- 3) It was agreed that such amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

The Office objected to claim 3, noting that 3 lacked antecedent basis for “said symbol hypothesis testing module”. The Applicant herein amends claim 3 deleting “said symbol hypothesis testing module” and inserting the phrase “symbol estimator” used in the specification synonymously with “said symbol hypothesis testing module”.

The Office objected to claim 5, requiring the definition of the acronym “BCJR”. The applicant herein amends “BCJR” to read “Bahl-Cocke-Jelinek-Raviv”.

The applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments cure the Office’s objection and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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